GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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POOR ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE BETWEEN INDIA AND NEPAL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the poor road infrastructure between India and Nepal is an impediment in promoting trade between the two countries; and

(b) if so, the steps taken, if any, to improve the present situation ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) : The Governments of India and Nepal are aware that the road infrastructure between India and Nepal requires improvement for promoting bilateral trade. Both Governments have agreed for improving the infrastructure at the four major Land Custom Stations namely, Jogbani/Biratnagar, Raxaul/Birganj, Sonauli/Bhairahawa and Rupaida/Nepalganj, through which major part of bilateral trade is taking place. Consultants have been appointed for preparing a project feasibility report in this regard.